SI. No	Name of the oil PSUs	Name of the Products	Production April-December 2005	Production April-December 2004	Sales April-December 2005	Sales April-December 2004
4.	BPCL	Refinery throughput (TMT#)	7,380	6,739	15,588	15,628
5.	GAIL	LPG (TMT#)	768	834	775	828
		Other LHC (TMT#)	208	225	205	220
		Polymers (TMT#)	207	216	205	207
6.	OIL	Crude Oil (Million Tonnes)	2.46	2.38	2.40	2.31
		Natural Gas (MMSCM**)	1708.37	1477.57	1307.09	1079.82
		LPG (Thousand Tonnes)	36.13	36.58	36.35	37.42

*Million Metric Tonnes
** Million Metric Standard Cubic Meters
#Thousand Metric Tonnes

Prices of petroleum products

1577. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the price of Petrol, Diesel and LPG were enhanced after the present Government assumed power and the period and the rate of such enhancement;

(b) whether any proposal is pending with Government to increase the prices further in view of the recommendations of any authoritative committee and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have taken decision, if any, in the matter and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The revision in prices of petrol, diesel and LPG at Delhi since May 2005 is given below:

Revision in Retails Price at Delhi

	Petrol	Diesel	Domestic LPG
	(Rs./Ltr.]		(Rs./Cyl.)
16/6/04	2.00	1.00	20.00
1/8/04	1.10	1.42	—
5/11/04	2.19	2.12	20.00
16/11/04	(-)1.16	-	-
21/6/05	2.50	2.00	-
7/9/05	3.00	2.00	-
No. of times retail prices enhanced		Five	Five
Two			
No. of times retail prices reduced		One	-

Note: The price revisions on account of implementation of VAT and change in VAT rate have not been considered above.

(b) and (c) The Government had constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. C. Rangarajan, Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister to examine different aspects of pricing and taxation of petroleum products with a view to stabilizing/rationalizing their prices. The Committee submitted its report on 17.2.2006. The report is under examination of the Government.

Clearance to LNG terminal at Kochi

1578. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether necessary clearance has been accorded to the LNG terminal at Vallarpadam, Kochi;

(b) if so, the details of the present status of the project;

(c) whether the date of the stone laying ceremony has been postponed;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor,

(e) whether the required LNG for running the project has. since been ensured and if so, the details thereof;

(f) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the time by which stone laying ceremony will be conducted?